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Pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure 37 CFR Section 1.56, enclosed is a completed form PTOL-1449 as well as copies of the cited documents which relate to the above-referenced patent application. Since this document submittal is being presented prior to the first examination on the merits, no fee is due herewith.

The documents enclosed are as follows:

1. A press release from Abbot Laboratories in Abbott Park, Illinois, dated November 20, 2002, entitled: "Perclose A-T Eliminates Complex Knot-Tying Step for Easier Use and Rapid Deployment", which describes the latest generation in suture-mediated vessel closure systems.
2. An article from Heart Center Online entitled: "Hemostatic Device", which describes its use with relation to catheter-based procedures.
3. An article from Datascope entitled "VasoSeal ES Procedures" which describes a new arterial locator technology that provides an easier, surer method of Locating the Femoral Artery Puncture.
4. An article on "Questions and Answers" with regard to Vascular Sealing.

The listed documents are brought to the Examiner's attention because they are known to the applicant and/or the applicant's



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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
	1	"Perclose A-T Simplifies Vessel Closure After Cardiac Catheterization Procedures"						
		Article dated: November 20, 2002 (Abbott Park, IL)						
	2	"Hemostatic Device" Article from HeartCenter Online						
	3	"A Patient's Guide to Questions & Answers about Vascular Sealing", Vascular Sol. 2002						
	4	"VasoSeal ED Procedure" (New Arterial Locater Technology Provides an Easier,						
		Surer Method of Locating the Femoral Artery Puncture) from Datascope, 2001						
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